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SUBJECT: CONSTRUCTION STRIKE

1. MORNING FEBRUARY 12 COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED CONSTRUCTION WORKER'S UNION (SCAAS), CALLED STRIKE IN MANAGUA. WALKOUT CAME AS CHAMBER OF CONSTRUCTION REFUSED TO INCREASE SALARIES. SCAAS, WHICH CLAIMS MEMBERSHIP OF 8,000, IS DEMANDING 60 PERCENT INCREASE OVER WAGE HIKES GAINED IN CONTRACT SIGNED SUMMER OF 1973 AFTER LENGTHY STRIKE. THIS CONTRACT RUNS UNTIL JUNE THIS YEAR.

2. NO INDICATION AS YET HOW LONG STRIKE WILL LAST. MANAGEMENT AND LABOR LEADERS HAVE NOT HELD TALKS SINCE STRIKE BEGAN. CHAMBER OF CONSTRUCTION ELECTS NEW BORAD OF DIRECTORS FEBRUARY 13 AND DISCUSSIONS ARE EXPECTED TO GET UNDERWAY THEREAFTER. MAJOR CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES APPEAR MOST AFFECTED BY STRIKE WITH WORK CONTINUING AT SMALLER CONSTRUCTION SITES. STRIKE SO FAR AS EMBASSY AWARE CONFINED TO MANAGUA.

3. APPARENTLY UNRELATED STRIKE HAS ALSO BEEN CALLED IN METALLURGICAL INDUSTRY REPORTEDLY INVOLVING AT THIS POINT LESS THAN 200 WORKERS. THIS GROUP IS LED BY COMITE E

ACCION Y UNIDAD SINDICAL (CAUS), A MARXIST LABOR GROUP

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WHICH IS RIVAL OF SCAAS AND SEVERELY CRITICIZES LATTER FOR

BEING TOO MODERATE. SEVERAL PARTICIPANTS IN CAUS LED STRIKE WERE REPORTEDLY ARRESTED FEBRUARY 12 AS THEY ATTEMPTED TO FORCIBLY PREVENT WORKERS FROM ENTERING ONE PLANT.

4. ALTHOUGH NATIONAL GUARD PATROLS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN AUGMENTED SOMEWHAT IN AREAS WHERE STRIKERS MAY CONCENTRATE, GON HAS SO FAR NOT TAKEN DIRECT ROLE N SETTling THESE TWO LABOR DISPUTES. NEITHER STRIKE HAS BEEN DECLARED ILLEGAL, AND EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS NO SUCH ACTION IS PRESENTLY CONTEMPLATED. GON, RELUCTANT TO EXACERBATE PROBLEM, IS INSOFAR AS POSSIBLE HOLDING ITS MARTIAL LAW POWERS IN RESERVE IN HOPE STRIKES WILL BE SETTLED THROUGH NORMAL LABOR/MANAGEMENT DIALOGUE.

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